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REMARKS

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1. At about 1 p.m. on 19 August 1953, 3 x 203-mm and 3 x 122-mm howitzers, 12 trucks, 12 prime movers, 2 jeeps, field kitchen, and 120 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were entrained at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station and left toward Altengrabow. Troops and materiel had come from the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne. 1

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2. At 8:30 a.m. on 16 August, a train arrived at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station from the direction of Altengrabow. Between 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., 15 prime movers, 6 gun barrel trailers and 6 gun motor carriages of 203-mm howitzers, 3 x 152-mm howitzers, 4 trailers of prime movers, 2 jeeps, 1 field kitchen and about 350 troops were detrained.

3. Beginning at 4:30 a.m. on 15 August, about 15 tanks and trucks were entrained at the Schoeneweide freight station and left toward Adlershof. The materiel had come from the Wuhlheide. 2

4. At about 3 p.m. on 21 August, 8 T-34/85 tanks sections of prefabricated buildings, and boards were unloaded at the Schoeneweide railroad station and left toward Nordwaldfriedhof (churchyard) in the Wuhlheide. 2

5. On 8 August, 12 tanks, 8 x 76-mm AT guns, 23 trucks and about 400 troops were detrained at the Berlin-Schoeneweide railroad station and left toward Karlshorst. 2

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6. On 21 August, the military installations in Bernau were again occupied to capacity. At about 11 a.m., intensive vehicular traffic, including tank truck, [redacted] was observed.³

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7. At about 8 p.m. on 20 August, 9 T-34/85 tanks, [redacted] 2 field kitchens and numerous trucks [redacted] were entrained at the Templin railroad station.⁴

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8. At about 6 a.m. on 21 August, 8 T-34 tanks [redacted] had just been detrained, were seen near the Bad Freienwalde railroad station. Several trucks were being unloaded.⁴

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9. On 24 August, source reported that night exercises, which involved troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets had been under way in the Frankfurt/Oder area for a week. No tanks were observed.⁵

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1. [redacted] Comment. The transfer involved units of the 124th Hv How Arty Brig (US). The train which returned from Altengrabow on 16 August [redacted] was previously reported [redacted] and the train on 19 August [redacted] went to Altengrabow [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. The loading and unloading is rather safely believed to have involved elements of the 7th Gds Mecz Div. The train on 15 August went to Fuerstenwalde [redacted] and the trains on 21 and 8 August arrived from Lieberose [redacted]

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3. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the Luftnachrichten Kaserne occupied to capacity and the former Army Clothing Depot I occupied by about 200 troops. No recent information is available on the Briesetaubenstation (homing pigeon station). Further information is needed to determine whether all military installations in Bernau were actually occupied to capacity on 21 August [redacted]

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4. [redacted] Comment. The loading on the evening of 20 August probably involved elements of the 28th Tank Bn of the 16th Gds Mecz Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div, the unloading [redacted] in Bad Freienwalde was [redacted] in the morning of 21 August. [redacted]

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5. [redacted] Comment. The identity of the units engaged in night practices in the Frankfurt/Oder area cannot be determined.

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